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### **SELF-REPRESENTED PARTIES STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPOINTED**

**Salt Lake City, Utah**—The Utah State Courts' Judicial Council has formed a new standing committee to address the needs of self-represented parties within the state court system. The purpose of the Standing Committee on Resources for Self-Represented Parties is to identify the needs of self-represented parties along with available services and resources. The committee will recommend measures for improving how the legal system serves self-represented parties.

Members of the committee are as follows: Committee Chair Judge John Baxter, Salt Lake City Justice Court; Attorney Fred Anderson, Utah Legal Services; James Backman, associate professor of law, Brigham Young University J.Reuben Clark Law School; Supreme Court Clerk of Court Pat Bartholomew; Attorney Mary Jane Ciccarello, Henry & Ciccarello, L.L.C.; Third District Juvenile Court Judge Christine Decker; First District Clerk of Court Joe Derring; Utah State Rep. Neil Hansen; Fourth District Chief Deputy Court Clerk Christine James; Attorney Jay Kessler, Kessler Law Firm; Second District Court Judge Rodney Page; Fifth District Court Judge James Shumate; Linda Smith, professor of Law, University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law; Utah State Bar representative Lowery Snow, Snow Jensen & Reece; Attorney Marsha Thomas, Thomas Tax & Law, Inc.; James Upton, director/emergency services, Catholic Community Services; and Utah State Law Library Director Jessica Van Buren.

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